Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Then I will enquire and set matters right.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I also know whether the same measure is used for measuring the same kind of articles in different taluks? In Kunnamkulam ghee and certain other articles are not sold in weight as in Mattancheri. Can you not standardise this also?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It should not be understood that because there are different measures prevailing in the different parts of the State they should be taken to task. What I suggest is that these people must be made to understand that they could use only such weights and measures, as are stamped by the Taluk Offices. This can be done by means of pamphlets, etc. I am perfectly certain that in the matter of iron materials they are sold at hundred weights *i.e.*, 112 lbs of 40 rupee weight each. These are things with which we need not quarrel. What I wish to suggest is that by means of some leaflets the people may be asked to conform to the various standards that have been prescribed by Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* For the information of the House I may say that I once paid a surprise visit to the arecanut market round about Vadakkancheri and there I found that the weights and measures used are proper ones.

DEATHS DUE TO CYCLONE IN THE STATE

37. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state the actual number of persons who died on account of the cyclone in the State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The actual number of persons who were understood to be dead on account of the cyclone is 62.

TRAINED CANDIDATES—APPOINTMENTS IN AIDED SCHOOLS

38. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any circular or order has been issued from the Education Department to the Managers of Aided Institutions demanding the latter (Managers) to appoint only trained candidates to the posts of teachers in the respective institutions;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, copies of such circulars or orders may be printed and placed on the

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table of the House; are those circulars or orders still in force;

(*c*) the number of fresh appointments made by Managers of aided schools to the posts of teachers in the academic year 1116—17; of them, how many did go to untrained hands; how many to trained hands;

(*d*) what are generally the reasons for sanctioning appointment of untrained hands to teachers' posts in aided schools;

(*e*) whether the unavailability of trained hands has ever been pointed out by Managers as reason to appoint untrained hands?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*a*).

(*c*) 239. 189 to untrained and 50 to trained. Of the 189 untrained hands, 116 were thrown-out hands.

(*d*) Non-availability of trained hands, generally.

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, if this rule is very strictly enforced, will it not adversely affect the advancement of primary education in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Hon'ble Member will look into the answer to sub-division (d) of question No. 38. The answer is "non-availability of trained hands, generally". The other reason is to employ local men to push onward the progress of the education in the locality. It is for this purpose that local men are given preference. The rule is not very strictly followed that trained hands should be appointed. Other things being equal, preference is being given to trained hands.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In Kodakara there is a school where every teacher has paid Rs. 100 for its up-keep and maintenance.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is an aided one.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* They are all un-paid teachers. Now there is no trained teacher willing to do it.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* We recognised the school with the staff. As a matter of fact, we took the

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livestock along with the shed. There is no question of our insisting upon those people being sent out and fresh people appointed, because they constitute the management also.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is this Rs. 100?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is contribution of each member of the staff towards the working expenses of the school.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* If you say only trained hands should be allowed there will be no school there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If Government do not insist upon appointing trained hands there will be no necessity of maintaining a Training Institution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Other things being equal, preference is given to trained teachers. As the hon'ble member himself is aware there are rural places in Cochin where it is at times extremely difficult to get trained men. It will be very difficult for a poor man to go to these places away from his home, though he may be trained. So it is very essential in the interests of education itself to evade this rule.

INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE STATE

39. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any Insurance Company started in the State and doing business here;

(*b*) have Government considered the feasibility of starting an Insurance Company by Government or by Government with the active help and co-operation of the people or by the people with the active help and support of Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) There is no Insurance Company started in the State doing business here. There is, however, one company registered under the Cochin Provident Insurance Societies Act, II of 1110, *viz.*, The Mutual Benefit Corporation Ltd., Trichur.

(*b*) Yes. The question was finally dropped.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that have induced the Government to drop the Insurance Company scheme?

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